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SUBJ: SOUTH KOREAN PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING DENIAL OF MEMBER-SHIP IN NAC

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AUGUST 26 AT LIMA NAC BY H.E. DONG-JO KIM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, FOLLOWING REJECTION OF SOUTH KOREAN BID TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

2. QTE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE TO JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3. WE STRONGLY WISHED THAT THE APPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA (WOULD HAVE BEEN) EQUITABLY DEALT WITH BY THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, BECAUSE TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD HAMPER THE EFFORTS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR NATIONAL UNIFICATION PEACEFULLY.

4. WE REGRET, THEREFORE, THAT THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES NOW BEING HELD IN LIMA COULD NOT REACH CONSENSUS ON THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UNCLASSIFIED

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KOREA DESPITE STRONG SUPPORT BY A GREAT NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE GROUP.

5. IT IS OUR WISH THAT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, IN FULL RECOGNITION OF THE DELICATE SITUATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, WILL STRIVE FOR THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA PENDING UNIFICATION.

6. WE REAFFIRM THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

END QTE.

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